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**G. Murrell Smith, Jr., Invited to Join the American Board of Trial Advocates**

*Smith becomes member of national invitation-only association of experienced trial lawyers and judges*

COLUMBIA, S.C., October 23, 2020 – Smith Robinson Holler DuBose and Morgan, LLC, is pleased to announce that attorney G. Murrell Smith, Jr. has recently been invited to become a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). Founded in 1958, membership to this national association of experienced trial lawyers and judges is by invitation-only. Its members are dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the civil jury trial right provided by the Seventh Amendment.

Members of ABOTA must have at least five years of active experience as a trial lawyer, have tried at least 10 civil jury trials to conclusion, and possess additional litigation experience. Members must also exhibit the virtues of civility, integrity and professionalism.

“Murrell is a true leader in our state’s legal profession,” says Jonathan Robinson, managing partner at Smith Robinson law firm. “As a seasoned trial attorney who has accomplished many successes in the courtroom, it comes as no surprise to me that Murrell was selected to join the prestigious American Board of Trial Advocates.”

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Mr. Smith is a founding partner of Smith Robinson. He has represented clients in South Carolina state and federal courts and has successfully tried numerous cases to jury verdicts. Mr. Smith serves as an elected official to the South Carolina House of Representatives, representing District 67. He began his political career as a member of the House Judiciary Committee rising to first vice chairman. In 2009, he moved to the House Ways and Means Committee and was Chairman of the Health and Human Services Subcommittee beginning in 2012. On December 5, 2018, Murrell was elected as the Chairman of the South Carolina House Ways and Means Committee. Murrell also serves as the Chairman of the House Ethics Committee and on the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

Mr. Smith earned his Bachelor of Arts from Wofford College in 1990 and his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina (UofSC) School of Law in 1993. He is an active member of the community. He is currently a member of the South Carolina Bar, Sumter County Bar, South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association, the Defense Research Institute, and the Association of Defense Trial Lawyers, among many other organizations. He was recently selected as a Compleat Lawyer recipient by the UofSC School of Law and to the 2021 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> for his work in commercial litigation.

**About Smith Robinson**

SMITH | ROBINSON formed from the merger of two South Carolina law firms rich in history and public service. Predecessor firm Lee, Erter, Wilson, Holler, and Smith, LLC, traces roots back more than 150 years in Sumter. The other predecessor firm, DuBose Robinson Morgan, PC, evolved from its founding nearly 40 years ago in Camden. With 13 attorneys and offices in Columbia, Sumter, and Camden, SMITH | ROBINSON combines the experience and successes of its predecessor firms and broadens its capabilities to serve the needs of its clients.

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